

VOLUME IV.

AT FRENCH LICK.

One Little Insignificant Maverick Attempts to Stampede, But Fails.

The mid-summer meeting of the Indiana democratic editors at French Lick on the 13, 14 and 15 was a very enjoyable affair. The entertainment by the host, Tom Taggart, was of the very best. The thoughts and ideas of the business meeting was full of meat for the pencil wielders who want to become millionaires, etc. The only blur on the whole occasion was when a Jack a napes from Plymouth got his muzzle off and began to talk about the democratic parties' danger of being like "a chicken with its head off." He warned the great democracy of the nation that it must get back to its moorings and not be led astray again by any radical who only sought personal pomp and office. He wound up his harangue by dictating a platform for the next national democratic campaign. Insisted that Tom Taggart be continued as national chairman till old age incapacitated him. He nominated Ben Shively for the United States Senate, John D. Kern for President and Folk of Missouri, for Vice President, and then his pipe went out.

When Ben Ralston of Lebanon got through with the pipe dream of the "chicken with its head off" from Plymouth, there wasn't enough of it left to tie a tag on and it was remarked by one editor who was present that Clay Metts's name should be changed from Clay to Mud.

John W. Kern also took a whack at the "Chicken with its head off" he very politely told Mr. Metts that the democratic party must not change its moorings, its moorings were all right in '96 and 1900. They were so right that the very people who upbraided Bryan and insulted his followers, calling them Anarchists because of their attacks on trusts, combinations and high official men were now groveling on their bellies brushing the dust from Roosevelt's shoes for doing just what Bryan said should be done to protect the overburdened common people of the land. Mr. Kern concluded that no democratic editor of common sense should attempt to educate his readers that the democratic party made a mistake, got loose from its moorings in '96 and 1900 and that apologies were in order. Mr. Kern treated Metts's nomination of himself (Kern) for President as he would the idle vaporing of a clouded intellect. He concluded his remarks with the statement that he was not an overly young man, but he hoped to live to see the cornerstone that builders cast aside in '96 and 1900 taken up again, and made the keystone of the arch of the democracy of the nation, and that in the not distant future.

"The chicken with its head off" was lucky he had no head, perhaps, because the gaffing he got from the old democratic roosters with their heads and spurs on was a plenty to last him for a while—Our Standard.

Samaritans Cross the Desert.

Nineteen candidates were given the obligation of a Samaritan Wednesday night and two crossed the Sandy desert receiving the side degree which was very amusing—especially to those not personally interested. Nappanee has a fine degree team which with the assistance of Supreme organizer Grant Boice, of Elkhart, and Deputy Frank Butler of Ligonier, would be hard to beat.

Four automobiles conveyed the Nappanee people here arriving about six o'clock. They were escorted to Slattery's restaurant where supper had been prepared for those from out of town. Two young men, also good Samaritans, came over from Bremen arriving a little late, but in time to get the worth of their money.

We also had our Supreme Secretary, B. E. Hayes with us who gave us a very interesting talk on Fraternal Insurance and especially of the Samaritans. Several other speeches were made and all seemed to agree that it was good to be a Samaritan.

Ice cream was served by Alberts to nearly one hundred people, several recitations were given by Miss Marie Rosenberger of Nappanee and after that we danced—of course the Samaritans always dance. It was nearly 12 o'clock before the visitors got started homeward bound and all agreed it had been a time to be remembered.

Maxinkuckee Assembly Opens.

Maxinkuckee Assembly is now in full blast and a very creditable program is being presented.

Hon. James F. Watson, the famous Indiana Congressman whose eloquence is unsurpassed by that of any other man today in America, has been secured to speak on Wednesday, Aug. 24.

This will be the only address made before a Chautauqua for this season by this gifted orator, who is being sought after every where, and has been secured only by the personal friendship of the management.

FIRE AT INWOOD.

Fire Destroys Four Business Houses and Residence at Inwood Friday.

Word reached here Friday that Inwood suffered a loss of five of their best buildings by fire. About six o'clock that morning a blaze broke out in the livery barn which is situated a half block north of the depot. From this place the conflagration spread north and south reducing Callwell's old deserted building, the saloon, the building south of the saloon and Mr. Carlson's handsome residence to ashes.

The depot narrowly escaped. Had there been a wind probably the whole town section would have been consumed. As Inwood possesses no fire department no resistance could be made to the flames.

China's Future.

The most significant point in the statement of Mr. Sato of the suite of Peace Commissioner Komura is not that the Japanese demand for indemnity will be moderate, nor the optimistic view of the outcome of the negotiations, but the Japanese attitude toward China. Quoting the Associated Press dispatch:

Japan's attitude toward China was most friendly, said Mr. Sato, and while maintaining no moral Monroe doctrine over the Empire, she felt that it was more or less under Japan's protection. This protection, by way of illustration, Mr. Sato said, was not so strong as that of the United States over South America. Mr. Sato emphasized the announcement made frequently before, that Japan does not seek territorial aggrandizement and on this point the speaker said: We want in Manchuria equal opportunity, or what Mr. Hay called the open door.

It has been plain from the first that, should Japan win the present war, she would endeavor to take China in hand and reorganize the Empire into a compact state. Yet it is a colossal task. In extent of territory and in heterogeneity of population and interests we have had nothing in Occidental history like China. The nearest parallel we have had was Europe after the conquest of Charlemagne, when he organized almost the whole continent into his loose-jointed "Holy Roman Empire" and left it to be fought over and to sink lower and lower in authority through the rise of subordinate princes and states until Napoleon finally kicked the remnants to pieces.

She Misunderstood Molter.

Justice Molter's marriage and divorce mill at Plymouth will cease for a few days to grind. The judge tied up his office, set the cuspids in the hall way, threw out a last week's bouquet, nailed up on his pasture lot a notice to hobos to beware of the dog, and departed for Winona to spend a few days in meditation and to attend religious services. The judge has been considerably worried over the misconception placed by a lady client of Argos upon a letter he had written her. The lady wrote for a divorce and inclosed a V as a retainer, saying she wanted to get married. The judge wrote her to come on and he would get the divorce and marry her. The lady replied, thanking him courteously for the offer, but said she had her man already picked out.—South Bend Times.

Sand on the Boom.

The sand hill district bordering on Lake Michigan in Laporte, Porter and Lake counties is experiencing a lively boom. The Lake Shore railway is planning to build a line of track from Indiana Harbor to Dune Park in Porter county, and it is stated on reliable authority that an electric line will be built through the district inside of a year. During the world's fair land in the sand hill country sold for fifty dollars an acre, but soon afterwards took a big drop. As a result of the boom this same land is now selling for more than \$50 an acre, and Chicago parties are purchasing eagerly. A Valparaiso man a few days ago sold some of this land for \$70 an acre.—Laporte Argus.

Does it Fit You?

A Chesterton man says that some people go to church to peep, others to sleep. Some go their wives to please, their conscience others go to ease. Some go to tell their woes, others to show their clothes. Some go to hear the preacher, others like the solo screecher. Boys go to reconnoiter, girls go because they oughter. Many go for sage reflection, precious few to help collection.

Sure Signs of Prosperity.

The increased earnings of corporations during the fiscal year just ended show that it has been one of great prosperity. The indications are that the record made in 1904-5 will be beaten this year, as things are humming in every line of industry throughout the whole land, says the San Francisco Chronicle.

A GREAT ECONOMIC PROBLEM.

This nation is face to face with you. We submit the question: Which is better for you, a community of farmers under old conditions or the new condition with yourself and the neighbor (?) of the 10,000-acre farm? Which is better for your old neighbors?

You own a farm of 160 acres. For this farm you have worked hard. You have sacrificed pleasures and comforts during a period of twenty to thirty years. The farm is now yours. It is paid for, clear of all encumbrance. The old mortgage has been lifted.

More than that, you have a comfortable house and well constructed barns and buildings and good neighbors.

You expected to make it your home for the remainder of your life. Just when you think that you have everything arranged comfortably a capitalist comes your way. He enjoys that section of the country and has his agents buy up 10,000 acres around

CONCRETE TIE FAILURE.

Experiment by Lake Shore Brings Poor Results.

The concrete railroad tie, on which the Lake Shore officials built so many hopes, has proven a failure and it is probable no more of them will be put in the Lake Shore road bed.

They were spoken of so highly by officials for a time after their invention and installation on the road that there were prospects Elkhart would have a new industry where the metal parts would be manufactured for making the new tie. For several weeks the capacity of the Lake Shore's rail shop was taxed almost to the limit in cutting rails into short pieces and making the clips and other parts. In fact the entire tie was made except the concrete. The new tie is nearly the size in thickness and width of the common wooden tie. A steel rail is imbedded in the concrete to give strength, and steel clips are used to bind the concrete to the rail. The cost of the complete rail is about \$2.50. The inventor, Roadmaster C. Buhner, of Sandusky, believed it would be very lasting, because concrete has a tendency to become harder year after year while exposed to the weather.

PICKLE CROP RIPE.

Indiana Raises Lots of Pickles for the Market.

Indiana pickle crop harvest has begun. Indiana produces 1,125,000,000 cucumbers for pickles a year, not counting those grown for private use for the kind that "mother makes." The growing of cucumbers for pickles brings about \$1,025,000 a year to Indiana farmers and it is said that the farmer has a better chance to turn common sense into good dollars and cents than in almost any other special line of farming.

Not that there is any trick or secret of success in raising and marketing cucumbers, but it must be done right if it is successful. Only a small proportion of this enormous crop of cucumbers is made into pickles in this state, however, for the sixty or more salting stations in the state are owned by pickle manufacturers in Indiana, Missouri, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania.

When the cucumbers are harvested they are placed in immense tanks holding from one to two thousand bushels each. This salting process requires sixty to ninety days, during which time the cucumbers are kept in the strong brine. They first turn white and then yellow spots appear during the process of fermentation. These spots enlarge gradually until they cover the entire surface of the cucumber, turning it a rich golden brown, when it is ready for the salting touches at the pickle factory. The cucumbers are kept at the salting stations and transferred to the factories from time to time as they are needed in large tank cars. The next process is to take out the excess of salt that has been absorbed during the fermenting period and after sorting and grading, the cucumbers are ready to be finished with sirup, vinegar, spices and other ingredients that give the finished product the flavor of the particular brand.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zeiters went to South Bend Wednesday to attend a meeting of the Eagles.

D. C. Cole went to North Liberty Wednesday to look after his farm interests near there.

Mrs. Wm. Clay left Wednesday for extended visit with relatives and friends at Fort Wayne and other points east of here.

WILL NUMBER RURAL BOXES.

Postoffice Department Decides to Make a Change in System.

To facilitate a more accurate handling of the mail by rural free delivery carriers, the postoffice department is arranging for the numbering of all rural letter boxes which under the regulations of the department are entitled to service, and authorizing the delivery by rural carriers of ordinary mail matter of all classes addressed to boxes by number alone, so long as improper and unlawful business is not conducted thereby, the same as is now permitted in the case of postoffice boxes. Instructions will be issued to postmasters within a short time to assign to boxes entitled to service consecutive numbers, beginning with the first box reached by the carrier after leaving the postoffice, and a new box erected subsequent to the original numbering will be assigned the next consecutive number in use on the particular route. Boxes on newly established routes will not be numbered until 60 days after the commencement of the service, in order that ample time may be allowed for all prospective patrons to secure boxes.

His Life Threatened.

Attorney Zimmerman of Albion is the attorney for the ditch in Noble county which is to drain the Elkhart river and is meeting considerable strenuous opposition. Monday Mr. Zimmerman received an anonymous letter from one of the worthy taxpayers on the proposed drain. Among other dire threats the writer said: "During the early history of our country we were cursed with a lawless band of blacklegs and desperadoes. The common law did not reach those cowards and thieves, so they escaped punishment until the regulators took the matter in hand and hung the ring leaders of the nefarious bands and thereby peace and order were once more restored. This will undoubtedly be your fate unless you desist from your present position."

The Deadly Cigarette.

Of the 500 inmates of the reform school at Plainfield, 450 have been smokers of the deadly cigarette. There is no question that as a breeder of crime and producer of insanity the cigarette has no equal. A few years ago a man lived here by the name of Turner, a woolen mill man. They had only one son, a bright boy who acquired the cigarette habit. Nothing they could do would break him of the appetite for cigarettes. Finally he became a maniac and was taken to Longcliffe asylum, and it still living is probably there yet. We are told there are boys in Peru who persist in smoking cigarettes in spite of the stringent law against it. A few arrests and prosecutions would no doubt have a wholesome effect upon these wayward lads. It is cheaper to prevent crime and insanity than to support criminals in reformatories and insane people in hospitals.—Peru Republican.

New Suits.

The State of Indiana on relation of Amos R. Green vs Andrew A. Voorhees, J. W. Wolford and David C. Knott, William H. Matthews attorney for the plaintiff.

David Fetters vs the Vandalia Railroad company, to recover value of fence and attorney fees. Harley A. Logan attorney for the plaintiff.

The Winona Picnic.

The picnic Tuesday to Winona, under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday School, was a pleasant and enjoyable affair. The day was an ideal one for a picnic and the crowd of about 500 that went from this place had a great time and a good dinner. It was an event that will be long remembered by all the excursionists. The features on the grounds were the sham battle, boat race and parade of the naval cadets. Winona has been greatly improved this year and the wide cement walks leading all over the grounds and the broad parterres of flowers on every hand made it a delightful place for pedestrians. Much credit is due Mr. Parks for the excellent management of the excursion.

SMALLPOX DANGER IS OVER.

Situation at Culver Military Academy Relieved Promptly.

J. S. Martin, secretary of the county board of health, has issued a statement regarding the smallpox situation at Culver Military academy which developed recently and which required the sending of students of the Culver summer school to Winona Lake. Mr. Martin says the one and only case of smallpox among the employees of the academy has been most carefully guarded from its inception and the infected person, together with those in any way exposed, removed to a point three miles from the academy and a mile from any habitation. Guards have been placed on duty and every precaution has been taken.

The buildings which these people occupied, together with their clothing, trunks and other effects which may have been exposed, have been destroyed by fire. The health secretary says in concluding his statement that he does not consider there is any danger of infection from smallpox in that locality than if it had never made its appearance.

Rural Carriers to Paint Boxes.

With little buckets of green paint, rural free delivery carriers soon will be giving the boxes along their routes a new coat. The postal authorities have not decided how much the carriers shall be allowed for each box painted, but the department will furnish the paint and brushes. Should any carrier decline to earn the extra money some one else will be employed.

Senator Parks A Victim of Pickpocket.

John W. Parks, State Senator from Marshall and Kosciusko counties, and author of the anti-cigarette law, was robbed by a mean thief the other day. The senator was getting his shoes polished, and while undergoing the operation a deft-fingered person went through his pockets. They found a bunch of keys, a session pass issued to Sam Parker, a lead quarter that the Senator had taken in trade, the manuscripts of a notice to open a public highway and a pair of gold bowed spectacles. All of the other valuables were returned to the Senator, except the spectacles. Hereafter when Senator Parks has his shoes shined he will be surrounded by detectives to protect him from pickpockets.—Indianapolis News.

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Tullis-Williams Nuptials.

Orver Tullis of Columbus, Ohio, and Miss Cleo Williams of Tecumseh, were united in marriage at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the M. E. parsonage by Rev. Crowder. They will make their home at Columbus, Ohio, where Mr. Tullis is in the employ of a railroad.

Will Cumback who was fatally stricken at his home in Greengrub, Sunday, was well known in Plymouth. He has visited and lectured here and had many personal friends among the older people of this city. Dr. J. S. Martin is his cousin.

LICENSE IN EVERY COUNTY.

Must Be Secured for Buffet Cars if Law is Sustained.

Indianapolis, July 28.—The right of railroad companies which operate buffet and dining cars to sell intoxicants without having a license for every county through which they pass is to be tested in the courts. In a recent case at Bloomington, a Monon porter was fined for selling a bottle of beer to a passenger while the train was going through Monroe county. The fine was paid by the railroad company. This has started a movement to enforce the law against all the companies. Legal opinion is agreed that such sales are illegal and that the roads cannot claim exemption under the interstate commerce law.

SHOOTING SQUIRRELS.

Special Agents are Being Employed to see that Law is Enforced Throughout the State.

Indiana hunters will be permitted to shoot the timid squirrel after Aug. 1, but unless the law is followed in every particular prosecutions will follow. Orders have gone out from the offices of the state game and fish warden that all hunters found violating the law shall be punished. The hunter is permitted to shoot squirrels in his own township without paying a cent to the state, but if he wants to take a trip into some other township a license must be secured. The license costs \$1, but will entitle the possessor to hunt anywhere in the state. The dove season opens Aug. 15. Licenses are secured through Z. T. Sweeney, of Columbus, state fish and game commissioner. To see that the law is obeyed implicitly, about sixty extra deputy game wardens will be employed by the state to serve during the coming three months. Punishment to the extent of about \$35 is in store for those caught hunting outside of their own township without a license.

New Suits.

Cassie Engle vs. James Bolin and George W. Engel, on note. Adam E. Wise attorney for the plaintiff. Minnie Morehouse vs. Charles S. Morehouse, for divorce. L. M. Lauer, attorney for plaintiff. The Noblesville Milling Company vs. W. L. Sarber and Son, on account. L. M. Lauer attorney for plaintiff.

Mrs. Nancy Lovell.

Nancy Catherine Thompson, wife of M. M. Lovell, was born in Union township, Marshall Co., Dec. 7, 1837, and died at her home four miles south of this city, July 27, 1905. The deceased was married to M. M. Lovell, Jan. 1, 1875. Besides the sorrowing husband she leaves an adopted daughter, Mrs. Goldie Myers of Plymouth, father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thompson, aged respectively 87 and 85 years, who live at Lincoln, Nebraska. She also has three sisters, Mrs. D. M. Garver, of Raymond, Neb., Mrs. Jaes L. Mosher, Hibbard, Ind., Mrs. L. P. Switzer, Plymouth, Ind. and four brothers, Lewis, Perry and Fayette Rush Thompson of Lincoln, Neb., and Thomas McDonald Thompson of Tynes, Ind.

The funeral service conducted by Rev. A. H. Zimler, will be held at the home at 10 a. m. Saturday July 29. Interment at Oak Hill Cemetery.

OBITUARY.

Death of Mrs. Belle Logan.

Mrs. Belle Logan died at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Flosenzier, on Water street, aged 61 years. Death was due to nervous prostration and heart trouble.

Mrs. Logan was born in Whitley county, and at the age of thirteen she came to Marshall county and since that time has resided in Plymouth. Her husband, David Logan, and one son, Bert Logan, have preceded her to the great unknown. Two daughters, Mrs. C. D. Wilson, of Seattle, Washington, and Mrs. John Flosenzier, of this city, and one son, Fred, survive her.

The funeral occurred Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the house, Rev. Howard officiating. Interment at Oak Hill cemetery.

Vera Beldon.

Vera Beldon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse F. Beldon, living one mile west of Twin Lake station, died at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning, aged eight years. Spinal trouble was the cause of her death. The funeral takes place this morning at 10 o'clock from the family residence.

A case was filed in Justice Molter's court Tuesday, against Abraham Spiegelmeyer, living twelve miles northwest of here. The charge is that of intoxication.